

Our Mission

The West Des Moines Police Department will strive with the community to preserve peace, differentiate its enforcement of law through exemplary performance and lead with equitable professionalism to reflect the high expectations of the citizens we serve.

Our Vision

The West Des Moines Police Department in partnership with the community is dedicated to achieving the highest level of law enforcement standards.

Our Goal

The goal of the Academy is to provide an educational program that allows citizens to learn first hand about police operations and achieve a better understanding of today's law enforcement functions, challenges, and opportunities. The Academy will provide an environment where community members and law enforcement mutually share information in an educational setting.



Citizen Academy Applicant Qualifications

- ♦ Applicant must be eighteen years of age or older
- ♦ Applicant must live or work in West Des Moines
- ♦ Applicant must have no history of criminal behavior and pass a background check

Class size is limited to 25 applicants

Citizen Academy Classes are held at the West Des Moines Law Enforcement Center located at

250 Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Registration fee: \$25.00

**Deadline for applications
February 20, 2015**

**Citizen Academy Dates
March 3—May 26, 2015
Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 PM**

Applications are available at the West Des Moines Police Department or online at www.wdm.iowa.gov

If you have any questions, contact
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WEST DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

March 3-May 26, 2015

**Shaun E. LaDue
Chief of Police**

What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is a 36 hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the practices, policies, and procedures governing the West Des Moines Police Department. The academy consists of twelve three-hour sessions conducted on a weekly basis and a two hour ride-along with a patrol officer.



The comprehensive instruction covers different areas routinely addressed by local law enforcement. The sessions have been designed to incorporate an interactive format, providing the participants with a “hands on” experience whenever practical. Instructors are certified police officers, supervisors, and other personnel with expertise in various areas.

COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1

Orientation
Chief's Comments
Departmental Organization
Department Tour

Session 2

Community Education/Outreach
Unit
Field Training Officer Program
Reserve Officer Program

Session 3

Patrol
WestCom Communication
Center

Session 4

Criminal Investigation Unit
Crime Scene Investigation

Session 5

Hiring and Recruitment
Accident Investigation

Session 6

Taser
MINE
(Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement)

Session 7

SERT
(Suburban Emergency Response Team)
K-9 Unit

Session 8

Firearms
Use of Force

Session 9

F.A.T.S.
(FireArms Training Simulator)
What happens after a police
related shooting?

Session 10

Urbandale Police Memorial Service
West Des Moines Police Week Activities

Session 11

OWI
(Operation While Intoxicated)
Traffic Stops

Session 12

CPA Alumni Association
Panel Discussion
Graduation

